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Letter dated 11 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 28 March 2001 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Hadi **Nejad-Hosseinian**
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Note verbale dated 28 March 2001 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Tehran and, with reference to the note verbale dated 20 March 2001 addressed to the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Abu-Dhabi by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates (see S/2001/319), has the honour to state the following:

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, rejecting whatsoever claim over the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb, considers the said islands to be an integral part of its territory and under its sovereignty and regards all measures taken by Iranian officials in those islands to be in conformity with its sovereign rights.

Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers the content of the aforementioned note to be an encroachment on its territorial integrity and an open interference into its domestic affairs and categorically rejects it.

Furthermore, the reference, in the said note by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, to the Geneva Convention of 1949 is essentially irrelevant, void of any legal value and rejected.